

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Illinois Commerce Commission	:	
On Its Own Motion	:	
-vs-	:	
Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a	:	
Ameren Illinois, Commonwealth	:	
Edison Company, The Peoples Gas	:	
Light and Coke Company, North	:	
Shore Gas Company, and Northern	:	
Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas	:	12-0528
Company	:	
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Approval of the Illinois Statewide	:	
Technical Reference Manual for	:	
Energy Efficiency	:	

ORDER

By the Commission:

In a Staff Report from the Illinois Commerce Commission's Policy Division dated September 14, 2012, the Staff recommends that the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") initiate a proceeding to consider approval of the first Illinois Statewide Technical Reference Manual ("TRM") for energy efficiency measures.

The genesis for this recommendation is in four separate Commission proceedings,

Docket 10-0562: Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company, Application pursuant to Section 8-104 and Section 9-201 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act for consent to and approval of an Energy Efficiency Plan and approval of Rider 30, Energy Efficiency Plan Cost Recovery and Related changes to Nicor Gas' tariffs.

Docket 10-0564: North Shore Gas Company and The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company, Petition pursuant to Section 8-104 of the Public Utilities Act to Submit for Approval an Energy Efficiency Plan.

Docket 10-0568: Central Illinois Light Company d/b/a AmerenCILCO, Central Illinois Public Service Company d/b/a AmerenCIPS, Illinois Power Company d/b/a AmerenIP (collectively now Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois), Verified Petition for Approval of Integrated Electric and Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Plan

Docket 10-0570: Commonwealth Edison Company, Approval of the Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Plan Pursuant to Section 8-103(f) of the Public Utilities Act

The Staff Report recounts the creation of the Illinois Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group ("SAG") in Docket 07-0540. Pursuant to Sections 8-103 and 8-104 of the Public Utilities Act ("Act" or "PUA"), certain Illinois electric and gas utilities are required to file three-year energy efficiency plans with the Commission to meet the applicable energy efficiency standards specified in the Act. Between September 29, 2010 and October 1, 2010, the public utilities – Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois ("Ameren"), Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd"), The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company and North Shore Gas Company ("Peoples Gas/North Shore Gas" or "PG/NSG"), and Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas ("Nicor Gas") (collectively referred to as the "Utilities") – subject to Sections 8-103 and 8-104 of the Act, filed petitions for approval of energy efficiency plans ("EEP"). On December 21, 2010, the Commission entered Orders in Docket Nos. 10-0568 (Ameren) and 10-0570 (ComEd) and concluded:

We further recognize and appreciate that ComEd is developing a TRM. We agree that a TRM can provide substantial benefits to the EEP going forward, and the Commission directs that ComEd will work with other utilities subject to the requirements of Section 8-103 and 8-104 of the PUA and the SAG to develop a statewide TRM in the future. This will allow a consistent format to be developed for a TRM.

ComEd, Docket No. 10-0570, Final Order at 59-60, December 21, 2010.

On May 24, 2011, the Commission entered Orders in Docket Nos. 10-0562 (Nicor), 10-0564 (PG/NSG), and 10-0568 (Ameren) and concluded:

Generally, the parties agree that the development of a TRM is appropriate... The Commission directs that Ameren will work with other utilities subject to the requirements of Section 8-103 and 8-104 of the PUA and the SAG to develop a statewide TRM... for use in the upcoming energy efficiency three-year plan cycle. This will allow a consistent format to be developed for a TRM. The Commission also accepts Ameren's recommendation that Ameren, as well as ComEd, and the independent evaluators strive to understand differences in evaluation results and to reconcile differences not driven by differences in weather, market and customers.

Ameren, Docket No. 10-0568, Order on Rehearing at 19, May 24, 2011.

The Commission ordered that Ameren and ComEd work together and with other Illinois utilities to develop a statewide TRM in the future. (ICC Docket 10-0568 Final Order at 70; ICC Docket 10-0570 Final Order at 59-60). Consistent with those Orders, the Commission requires Nicor to participate in the statewide TRM development. The Commission also recommends that the newly-created natural gas SAG participate in developing a statewide TRM.

Nicor Gas, Docket No. 10-0562, Final Order at 30, May 24, 2011.

Also consistent with our rulings in other recent dockets, the Commission agrees that the development of a TRM will be valuable. We direct the Utilities to coordinate with other utilities, DCEO and SAG participants to develop a statewide manual.

The Staff Report details the extensive effort in development of the Technical Reference Manual. Staff indicates that it is the consensus of the SAG participants that the Commission approve, on an expedited basis, the Illinois Statewide Technical Reference Manual dated September 14, 2012 ("IL-TRM") that would be applicable for gas program year¹ 1² ("GPY1") 2011 and gas program year 2 ("GPY2") 2012 and electric program year 5 ("EPY5") 2012, as defined in the Staff Report.

The Staff Report includes, as an attachment, the Final Illinois Energy Efficiency Technical Reference Manual dated September 14, 2012.

The Commission, being fully advised in the premises, is of the opinion and finds that:

- (1) Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois, Commonwealth Edison Company, The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company and North Shore Gas Company, and Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas should be made respondents to this proceeding;
- (2) the Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter in and the respondents to this proceeding;
- (3) the recitals of fact set forth in the prefatory portion of this Order are supported by the record and are hereby adopted as findings of fact;
- (4) the Staff Report dated September 14, 2012, including the September 14, 2012 Final Energy Efficiency Technical Reference Manual, should be made a part of the record of this proceeding;

¹ A program year runs from the June monthly billing period through the May monthly billing period.

² The IL-TRM is not required to be applied for Ameren GPY1.

- (5) the Commission should initiate a proceeding to consider approval of the September 14, 2012 Final Energy Efficiency Technical Reference Manual that would be applicable for GPY1,³ GPY2, and EPY5 referenced above.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Illinois Commerce Commission that a proceeding be initiated to consider approval of the September 14, 2012 Final Energy Efficiency Technical Reference Manual that would be applicable for GPY1,⁴ GPY2, and EPY5.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois, Commonwealth Edison Company, The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company and North Shore Gas Company, and Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas are made respondents to this proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Staff Report dated September 14, 2012, including the September 14, 2012 Final Energy Efficiency Technical Reference Manual, is made a part of the record of this proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondents appear at the offices of the Commission at the time and date specified by the Administrative Law Judge assigned to this proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that failure of the respondents to appear as ordered may result in civil penalties being imposed pursuant to Section 5-202 of the Public Utilities Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge assigned to this proceeding shall establish an expedited schedule as described in the prefatory portion of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order is not final; it is not subject to the Administrative Review Law.

By Order of the Commission this 19th day of September, 2012.

(SIGNED) DOUGLAS P. SCOTT

Chairman

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